

## Roger Brooke Taney to Andrew Jackson, October 20, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### ROGER B. TANEY TO JACKSON.

Baltimore, October 20, 1834.

*My Dear sir*, I received your very kind letter some days ago, and very much regret that it is not in my power to come immediately to Washington. But I have suffered a good deal in my health since I last saw you and am not yet well enough to bear a journey to Washington. I took a severe cold in my visit to Elkton in the early part of September, which brought on an attack of Rheumatism which disabled me from moving about without subjecting myself to much pain, and I am directed by my Physician to keep myself as quiet as possible until the disease is relieved. And my recovery is retarded by the necessity I am under of attending court almost every day. For in the vindictive spirit which prevails here towards me among many of the moneyed men of this place, I am obliged to give strict attention to my professional concerns, in order to sustain myself against the influence which is seeking to prevent me from reestablishing myself in my former practice. I shall however I hope be able to come over and spend some days at Washington in the early part of November. The opinion which I prepared in the case of the claim by the Bank for Damages on the French bill, was given by me to Mr. McKinley when the Committee of Ways and Means were about to prepare their report on that subject. I think it was not returned to me. If I cannot find the one I had written out I will prepare another stating the grounds of objection in full and will have it ready before the Meeting of Congress. . . .